Ban on Anabolic steroids

1633. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether abuse of 30 brands of anabolic steroids continues in India which cause sickness as reported in the Times of India dated 20.6.1989;

(b) whether these drugs are freely and easily available even without a Doctor's prescription; and

(c) whether Government have any plans to ban some of these steroids as has been done in the USA and to ensure that these are not available freely without prescription?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Brands of anabolic steroids continue to be marketed for permitted indications in consultation with the experts.

(b) and (c) These drugs are not banned in U.S.A. and they can be sold in India only against the prescription of registered medical practitioner.

Effects of chemical contamination of food

1634. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the findings of British Scientists that due to chemical contamination of food and environment, deadly dioxins are formed in breast milk as reported in the Indian Express of 16th May, 1989;

(b) whether any similar study had been conducted in India to find out the extent of pesticides residues in food and in breast milk; if so, the details thereof, indicating the number of samples taken during 1988-89 in the States, State-wise where infant food plants are located;

(c) whether any follow-up/corrective steps were taken; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government propose to initiate a process of evaluating the situation so as to save the mute children from chemical poisoning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) No specific studies to detect the presence of Dioxins in the breast milk are within the knowledge of the Govt. Dioxins have not been registered for use in India under the Insecticide Act 1968. Therefore, the question of its presence in food chain in the country is not normally expected.

The State Govts. have already been advised to keep strict vigil on the residue of pesticides and insecticide in foods.

Setting up of Biotechnology Centre in Madhya Pradesh

1635. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for establishing Biotechnology Centre in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, by when such a Centre is likely to established in that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, a suggestion for establishing a Centre for Biotechnology in Madhya Pradesh was received, and referred to the Govt. of Madhya Pradesh who have recently informed that they have taken a decision to establish a Biotechnology Centre in Madhya Pradesh under the aegis of Madhya Pradesh Council of Science and Technology and the State Govt. has constituted an Expert Advisory Committee to guide the Madhya Pradesh

Council of Science and Technology for working out the modalities for the establishment of this Centre in a phased manner. The details of the proposal are yet to be received from the Govt. of Madhya Pradesh.

Representation from Member of Parliament for Categorisation of Drugs

1636. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 692 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd May, 1989, and state:

(a) what are the details of each of the forty representations received by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare from Members of Parliament for identification of drugs for categorisation under Category-I and Category-II and when each representation was received;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have taken no action on the recommendations of expert Committee to review Category-I drugs and the drug companies are squeezing the poor patients;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said Ministry has not replied to the communications of Members of Parliament, so far; and

(d) if so, by when the reply would be sent and decision on the recommendations taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

1637. [*Transferred to the 7th August, 1989*].

1638. [*Transferred to the 7th August, 1989*].

Recruitment Rules for Nursing Superintendant and Dy. Nursing Superintendant in Government Hospitals

1639. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Recruitment Rules framed for the posts of Nursing Superintendant and Deputy Nursing Superintendant are identical in all the hospitals under the Government of India, *viz.*, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, P. G. Institute, Chandigarh and JIPMER, Pondicherry; and

(b) whether there is any deviation in the said Recruitment Rules from one Hospital to other and if so, what are reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Recruitment Rules for the posts of Nursing Superintendant and Deputy Nursing Superintendant are framed according to the function needs of the respective posts in the concerned Institute/Hospital. When these posts exist at AIIMS, New Delhi and JIPMER, Pondicherry, there is no such post at the PGIMER, Chandigarh. Instead, there is a post of Chief Nursing Officer and Joint Nursing Superintendant at PGIMER, Chandigarh.

The prescribed qualifications and experience for the post of Nursing Supdt. and Dy. Nursing Supdt. at AIIMS, New Delhi and JIPMER, Pondicherry are annexed, as statement.

Statement

Jawaharlal Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education and Research, Pondicherry

The prescribed qualification and experience for the posts of Nursing Superintendant and Deputy Nursing Supdt. at JIPMER, Pondicherry are as under:—

Nursing Superintendant (*Rs.* 2200—4000)